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SUBJECT: CIVIL DISTURBANCE IN MALATYA

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, RIOTING ERUPTED IN MALATYA APRIL 18 FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF MAYOR HAMIT FENDOGLU (KILLED ALONG WITH HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN BY A PARCEL BOMB APRIL 17). TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE FROM THE CITY AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES REPORTEDLY MARCHED DOWNTOWN VANDALIZING OFFICES AND SHOPS OF RPP SUPPORTERS AND SHOUTING ANTI-GOVERNMENT SLOGANS: "MURDERER ECEVIT", "COMMUNISTS TO MOSCOW". SIXTY PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED DURING THE DEMONSTRATION, ONE STUDENT DIED LATER AS THE RESULT OF A HEAD INJURY. JOURNALISTS

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ESTIMATES OF BUILDINGS DAMAGED RANGE FROM 700-1000, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, WHICH WAS STONED.

2. TURKISH SECURITY FORCES APPARENTLY ALLOWED THE DEMONSTRATION TO RUN ITS COURSE IN ORDER TO AVOID A PITCHED BATTLE WITH THE DEMONSTRATORS. MILITARY TROOPS REPORTEDLY BROUGHT IN FROM KAYSERI, ELAZIG, AND ANKARA ARE NOW IN CONTROL OF MALATYA
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AND CURFEWS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED.

3. THE BOMBING DEATH OF HAMIT FENDOGLU OCCURED THE DAY AFTER A SIMILAR PARCEL BOMB EXPLODED IN THE PAZARCIK POST OFFICE KILLING ONE PERSON AND INJURING FOUR. (PAZARCIK IS A SMALL TOWN 125 MILES EAST OF ADANA). THIS PARCEL WAS REPORTEDLY ADDRESSED TO A LOCALLY PROMINENT RPP MEMBER.

4. AMEMBASSY ANKARA IS REPORTING SEPARATELY ON NATIONAL

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